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Title:	POROUS WICK FOR LIQUID VAPORIZERS		

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7 and 9 as follows:¹

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1. (Amended) A wick material, comprising a porous material, said porous material having pore sizes less than about 250 microns and a void volume ratio of less than about 60%, wherein a combination of said pore sizes and said void volume ratio are selected such that (i) a vaporizable material to be transported by the wick material does not leak from the wick material when the wick material is inverted and (ii) a transfer rate of said vaporizable material is about 10 to about 70 mg per hour.

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3. (Amended) A porous polymeric wick for use in connection with an air freshening device consisting essentially of:

a high density polyethylene wicking material having a void volume ratio of from about 25 to about 60% and having an average pore size on the order of less than 250 microns, wherein a combination of said pore sizes and said void volume ratio are

¹ Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "APPENDIX SHOWING AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS".